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MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

AFSAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of our Weary Readers.

Cotton picking will soon begin.

The base ball season is about over.

This is campaign day for Williamsburg.

The crowd in town today promises to be very large.

Soon our young people will be returning to the colleges.

The primary election will be next Tuesday. Those whose names are not on the club rolls cannot vote.

We will hold back the County Record next week one day so as to be able to give the full election returns.

Owing to the illness of Senator McLarrin he will not be here today, and only Messrs. Irby and Evans will speak.

Only 54 voters have registered for the town election—44 whites and 10 colored,—and only that number will be allowed to participate.

Rev. W. S. Martin, who has been visiting in Kingstree for some time, returned to his home in Charleston last Friday. His family, however, is still here.

A special to the News and Courier from Washington says that Frazier B. Baker, colored, has been commissioned postmaster at Lake City.

The wagon attached to a runaway mule last Tuesday came in contact with the post in front of the dispensary from which is suspended the sign of the oh-to-be-joyful establishment, and the result was the sign board had to be picked up off the sidewalk.

The town authorities will soon publish a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the town during the past two years, so that the taxpayers may see to what use the money has been put. It will be remembered that when the present council was elected it was agreed to publish such a report, and it is in accordance with this promise that the statement will be given to the public.

"The Royal Tailors," of Chicago, have placed an agency in Kingstree, and will hereafter be represented in this county. "The Royal Tailors" is the largest tailoring concern in the United States and its garments always give entire satisfaction. The agency will be in the charge of Mr. L. J. Bristow, who has just received a full line of fall samples. Call and see them.

The base ball club met a crushing defeat at Cheraw in the first game. The second game was not completed, as the Kingstree men had to catch the train. Cheraw had employed men from various parts of the State playing only four home men. Webster was put in pitcher's box for Kingstree team and in three innings the Cheraw club made 18 runs, then Gilland was substituted for Webster and he held them down to five runs during the next six innings, but Cheraw was already so far ahead that the game was beyond hope. Our boys say they were treated royally, and, altogether, an enjoyable trip was had.

School Books.

We carry a large stock of school text books all the time, and we sell them at the same prices they are sold at in New York, but we wish the public to bear in mind that we only carry such books as have been adopted by the State board of education for use in the public schools of the State. We will, however, make a special order for any book wanted as we accounts and are in touch with all the houses that publish school text books.

Our line of gents latest style felt hats at \$1 is certainly a good value and something that sells at sight. Do you wear pants? Well, if you do, we are offering a line of gents fine and common pants that would do you good to look at an when you see them you will say that we are not at all extravagant in our description of them. When you come to Manning you must be sure to call on us and if you can't, just send us your order, and remember that we pay the freight on all orders amounting to \$10 and over to all points in Williamsburg Co.

Yours for the cash.
W. E. JENKINSON.
Manning, S. C.

Mr. Walter Steele, now of Florence, is visiting in town.

Mr. B. C. Whitehead, of Scranton, was in Kingstree Monday.

Mr. Walter B. Logan, of Charleston, is spending some time with relatives in Kingstree.

Miss Mattie Pendergrass, of Florence, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Stackley.

Miss Mims, of Clarendon county, has been spending some time with Miss Anna Elwell.

Mr. J. L. C. Moore, one of Lake City's leading merchants, paid us a very pleasant call last Monday.

Miss Florence Benjamin has gone to Georgetown to visit her sister, Mrs. W. R. Buie, who is very ill.

Supreme Court briefs and arguments printed at the County Record office. Accuracy, neatness and punctuality, our motto.

Master Stakely Mooror, who has been visiting in town for some time, returned to his home in Charleston last Monday.

Miss Lily Benjamin, who has been spending the summer with the family of Mr. Louis Jacobs, has gone to Georgetown to visit her sister.

Mr. L. B. Steele, a son of Dr. T. P. Steele, of Dock, was the successful applicant for the vacant scholarship existing at the citadel from this county.

Prof. J. W. Gains, of the Welsh Neck High School, Hartsville, S. C., has been in the town and surrounding county for several days in the interest of his school.

Dr. S. P. H. Elwell, Grand Chaplain of the State camp, and Messrs. T. M. Gilland, Louis Jacobs, R. D. Rollins and A. W. Flagler and Misses Mame Jacobs, Essie Benjiman and Louise Gilland left Tuesday for Greenville, to attend the reunion of the Confederate veterans of the State.

Prof. E. L. Huges, of Greenville, made an address before the Epworth League last Sunday afternoon, which was much enjoyed by those present. He also delivered a very able lecture on "Christian Education" at the Baptist church Sunday night. The church was filled, and the lecturer made a decided impression upon his hearers. Prof. Huges was followed by Prof. J. W. Gains, who made a short talk.

WILLIAMSBURG'S PENSIONERS.

A COMPLETE LIST OF THOSE WHO ARE ENTITLED TO THE MONEY.

The Money is Now in the Hands of the Clerk, and is Ready for Distribution.—\$1,494.45.

Clerk of court W. W. Grayson has received the money for the pensioners of Williamsburg at last. There are 74 of them, but the amount to be received by each is very small. The following is a list:

Class A, to receive \$72—F E Joye.

Class B, to receive \$21.80 each—J M B Graham, E B Ard, J A Bradham, J P Mouzon, Robert Hanna, A E Parker.

Class C, to receive \$16.35 each—Adam Bröwder, J W Broxton, A H Reese, L E Burkett, John F Barrineau, H G Eagerton, Alex Gray, J A Christmas, S A McClary, S J Strong, W H Kennedy, W L Abrams, John Thompson, J C Graham, John Brown, Sr., R A Buckles, T S Stewart, J H Bradham, W T Browder, W T Mitchum, J B Mitchum, J C Eaddy, H J Jandon, W J Wilder, G W Sanders, W J Clarkson, S E Brunson, D W Johnson, S J Cox, F H Arrowsmith, R S McCants, W D Elliott, S E Britton, W J B Walls, D Genter, S C McKnight, S E Rodgers, W J Cockfield, J L Venters, W D Parsons, J W Dennis, J J Jordon, W J Sturgeon, Sam'l Kirby, S W Evans, C J Floyd, S D McKay, J R Parker, D B Miles, S C DeBose, T J Strong, Mary E Davis, Mary Gamble, Eliza Brown, Martha Cameron, Mary Daniels, S A Floyd, Emily Douglas, Ann Lee, Sarah E Godwin, Mary McAllister, H A R Thompson, L M Davis, Nancy McDonald, T A Burns, Ann Cook, C McAllister, Hannah C Lynch, Rebecca Mills, Harriet C James, Ann Reed, M E Abrams, Nancy J Thomas, Mrs. Ailsey Mott, M A Evans, E A McClary.

The total amount received by clerk Grayson is \$1,494.45 and he has already paid out some of the money, and is ready to pay the claims of all others.

Miss Carolina Johnson, of the Pudding Swamp section, has been declared insane, and was carried to the State Hospital for the Insane Tuesday. Miss Johnson's mind had been effected for some time, but she was very quiet. Several days ago she became obstreperous and tried to kill herself, whereupon her family decided it best to have some action taken.

Mr. Ralph E. Epps, who recently graduated from the South Carolina Military Academy, has been elected professor of mathematics, Greek and French at Cokesbury. Mr. Epps is fully competent to discharge the duties required of him, and his friends are glad to know that he has accepted the position. He is now visiting friends in different parts of the State, but will go to Cokesbury the latter part of September.

A Card.

Editor County Record: "Progress" has offered my name as a candidate for one of the wardens for the town of Kingstree. I feel grateful to him, but I cannot consent to be a candidate for that office.

C. W. McCLAM.

Prof. Woodward's Lectures.

Prof. F. C. Woodward, president of the South Carolina College, delivered two very able addresses before the teachers' institute Monday and Tuesday nights.

Prof. Woodward is considered one of the foremost lecturers, as well as one of most eminent educators, in the State, and the mere announcement that he was to lecture was sufficient to fill the spacious court house to its utmost seating capacity both nights.

Prof. Woodward took for his subject Monday night "Reading," and handed it in a most masterly way. For one hour and seven minutes he was listened to by over two hundred auditors, and not one regretted having attended. The speaker did not denounce the reading of so-called "trashy" literature, but pointed out the fact that what one would term "trashy" another would admire, and cautioned his hearers to select with great care the literature that he or she should read. He put special stress upon the importance of reading of history and biography, for, he said, to know what we of today are, we must know from what we came, and the only way to learn that is by studying the history of our ancestors. The lecture was instructive throughout, and no attempt will be made to give anything like a full synopsis of it here.

Prof. Woodward remained in Kingstree all of Tuesday, the guest of Capt. John A. Kelley, and delivered his celebrated lecture on "Charles Dickens" Tuesday night. This lecture was even more appreciated than the one of the night before. He reviewed the life of Dickens, and showed how the author used real personal friends as his characters, and the different manner in which he painted those whom he liked and those whom he disliked. The speaker wound up by showing how Dickens' love of public reading cut off his life prematurely. At the close of his remarks the lecturer was heartily applauded.

News reached here yesterday of a fire that occurred in the Mingo neighborhood last Wednesday night. From what we could learn it seems that the residence of Mr. T. H. Brockinton with its entire contents was destroyed by fire some time during the night. Not a thing was saved, and a member of the family who quite sick was barely rescued from the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. As to whether there was any insurance on the property we could not learn.

Mr. Robert Moore, of Americus, Ga., died last Saturday after a prolonged illness. Mr. Moore was well known in Williamsburg county, he having married Miss Fannie Ferrell, a daughter of W. J. Ferrell of Greeleyville, who with 2 children survives him. The remains was brought to Greeleyville for interment.

Mr. Alex McClary died at the residence of Mr. R. H. Kellahan last Saturday, and was buried at the McClary burying-ground the following day. Mr. McClary was about 70 years old, and had been in feeble health for some time and his death was not altogether unexpected. A tribute to his memory, a sketch of his life, prepared by a life-long friend, will be published next week.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

A GREAT GATHERING OF COUNTY TEACHERS IN KINGSTREE.

Many New Ideas Advanced Some of Which May be Put into Practical Use in Our Schools.

The teachers' institute convened at the court house Monday morning, the following faculty being present: Prof. E. L. Huges and Prof. O. B. Martin, of Greenville, and Miss Mamie F. Wickliffe, of Rock Hill. About 25 teachers were present at the opening session, but many more came in during the day. Practical methods of teaching were discussed and much benefit was derived from the discourses.

The hours of the institute are, for the morning sessions from 9 a. m. till 1 p. m., and for the evening sessions from 8:30 till 11 o'clock.

The night session was devoted almost entirely to Prof. Woodward's lecture, an account of which is published elsewhere. Previous to the lecture Prof. Huges delighted the audience with some vocal selections with guitar accompaniment. Prof. Martin's comic recitation provoked much laughter and applause. The stand was then occupied by Thos. M. Gilland, Esq., who in a few appropriate remarks introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. F. C. Woodward, president of the South Carolina College.

The morning session Tuesday was characterized by Miss Wickliffe's word-study etc., and Prof. Woodward's address. The afternoon session was devoted to discussions, etc. Tuesday night another recitation from Prof. Martin evoked much applause. This was followed by Prof. Woodward's famous lecture on "Charles Dickens," an account of which is to be found in another column.

The morning session yesterday was confined to school matters strictly. Short talks were made by several persons, and the meeting was very interesting. The night session was also devoted to a lecture—one by Prof. Huges.

The feature of the meeting tonight (Thursday) will be a lecture by Dr. John A. Rice, president of the Columbia Female College.

Camp Pressley's Delegates.

Lanes, Aug. 24.—The following delegates from Camp Pressley, U. V. C., will leave here via the Central railroad this morning:

D. E. Gordon, Louis Jacobs, T. M. Gilland, R. D. Rollins, A. W. Flagler, I. W. Graham and S. G. McClary, accompanied by their sponsor, Miss Mamie E. Jacobs, and Dr. S. P. H. Elwell, chaplain of the State Camp.

L. J.

Mr. E. C. Dennis is visiting in town. He has been elected superintendent of the Edgefield graded school, and will take charge there at the opening of the school in September. During his two years' stay in Kingstree, Mr. Dennis made a host of warm friends, and they all regret his removal from our midst, but all wish for him an abundance of success in his new field of labor.

Why take Johnson's Chill & Fever Tonic? Because it cures the most stubborn case of Fever in ONE DAY.

Mr. Blackwell's Murderer.

The latest news regarding the murderer of Flagman Blackwell, who was killed near Dunn, N. C., last Saturday night, is found in the Fayetteville Observer of Friday and is as follows:

Ed Purvis, the suspected murderer of Flagman Blackwell, was turned over to the Sheriff of Harnett County, this morning, and taken to Dunn, where the trial is now in progress.

On the way to the station Detective Turbeville measured Purvis' barefoot track. He had previously measured the track of the murderer at the scene of the crime. Both tracks correspond exactly.

The prisoner appeared to suffer much from the wound in his breast, and appeared to walk with difficulty.

Yesterday another strong link was added to the chain of the already strong evidence against the accused man. It was the finding of Purvis' pistol in the house of the colored man with whom he stayed in Manchester after being struck by the Cape Fear and Yorkin Valley train near that place Monday morning. The chamber contained two shells, one of which was empty. If this pistol had the fatal bullet then that bullet's burial with the murdered man, for through an oversight, the ball was not extracted. The body, we understand, will be exhumed, and the deadly missile secured by evidence.

Purvis acknowledged this morning that he was chased by bloodhounds to within a short distance of Manchester, where he lost the trail in the swamp.

Later—Purvis waived examination before the magistrate at Dunn this afternoon, and he was committed to jail to await trial at the September term of Harnett County Court. He will be brought back here this afternoon and placed in jail, Harnett's jail being considered safe.

Purvis is said to be from Florence. He is a tall, slim, middle-aged boy about 18 years old and bears an unsavory reputation. He was on the city chain gang and when locked up in a cell in the city pen cut a hole through the wall and made his escape. He had not been seen from the time he escaped until Detective Turbeville saw him in jail at Fayetteville last week.

The last days of summer are rapidly passing away and with the approach of autumn comes the harvest time. The prospect of a good yield from the fields makes the farmer rejoice and the promise of a good business the fall gladdens the heart of the merchant. Kingstree will have two or more buyers who will pay the best possible price for cotton while Lesesne & Epps have bought more goods than ever before and will supply the wants of the people at phenomenally low prices. Don't you want a grain blade now to cut your pecan hay? We have them. Watch our advertisements from now on and profit by them.

LESENE & EPPS.

A game of base ball between two local clubs will furnish amusement for the campaign this afternoon. The game will be called promptly at 4 o'clock.

Rain! Rain! and plenty of it.

For sale, an office desk. Apply at this office.